

REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, claims 1-8, 13-39 and 52-54 have been canceled, claims 40, 46-47 and 49-51 have been amended and new claims 55-67 have been added. Claims 9-12 stand withdrawn from present consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Thus claims 40-44 have been allowed.

It will be noted that the cancellation of claims 1-8, 13-39 and 52-54 was done without any disclaimer of any subject matter in those claims nor any admission with regard to any rejection of record based on prior art or otherwise. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue such claims or comparable claims in any continuing or divisional application.

It is believed that all the present claims should be in condition for allowance inasmuch as all claims now depend in some way from allowed main claim 40. With regard to the new claims presented, the material in claim 55, for example, was contained in original claim 5 and others. The material in claims 56-60 was contained in original claims 29, 30, 38 and 33, respectively, for example, with other dependencies. The material of claim 61 could be found in original claim 37, for example, and that of claims 63-65 in original claim 39. Claim 66 is supported, for example, on page 13, lines 21-25, and claim 67 at page 13, lines 26-28.

All of the rejections or objections of the present Office Action are believed to have either been overcome or rendered moot

in accordance with the present amendments and, accordingly, it is believed that the present claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should issues remain that, in the opinion of the Examiner, could be resolved by telephone, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at his convenience in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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